

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment overcomes the rejection raised by the Examiner and deletes the reference to claim 1 from the specification

Entry of this amendment under the provisions of Rule 1.312 is respectfully requested.

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Version to show changes made to the specification

**Delete the paragraph bridging Pages 1 and 2 and insert  
therefor the following:**

One object of the present invention is to realize hearing protection of the above-described type, in which user friendliness has been developed at the same time as safety has been improved. This object is attained in that the present invention [has been given the characterizing features as set forth in appended Claim 1].